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Insurance Committee Public Hearing

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Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

HB 861 AAC THE MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL FORMS

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges opposition to SB 861 AAC The Modernization of Certain Medical Forms. Requiring the development of a uniform treatment authorization form specifically for Connecticut is ill-advised. The majority of health plans in Connecticut now operate in numerous states across the country and requiring the use of a separate and unique prior authorization form for only Connecticut residents runs contrary to the efforts of health plans, and frankly health care reform, to standardize processes to deliver health care coverage in the most efficient manner possible. If each state adopted its own standard authorization forms, considerable and appreciable cost would be added to the system.

Furthermore, Connecticut is at a critical juncture in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the development of an Exchange Marketplace known as Access Health. Open enrollment is scheduled to begin in October of this year. In order to for health plans and the Exchange staff to proceed and plan accordingly, it's crucial that the foundation upon which they build is stable and constant in order to get the program up and running under the tight timeline laid out. A changing landscape at this point in time will be detrimental to Connecticut's leadership role in Exchange implementation efforts.

We urge your opposition and thank you for your consideration.